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### THE PRESIDENT.

THE PERIODEST is in good health and ex-cellent spirits, notwithstanding the ardnous labors to which he has been subjected by the recent assembling of a Congress, the major-ity of whose members came here-prejudiced inst him-unjustly, as every investigation into executive matters have shown since the 3d of July.

The visitors at the White House last even ing were numerous. Among those who were favored with audience by THE PRINTDENT were Ex-Senator Bigler, of Pa., Ww. H. MERRIAM, Esq., and WM. D. VAN ARNAM,

Esq., of Troy, New York.
We trust that the recess, over the holidays. will give THE PRESIDENT that rest which he needs and ought to exact for himself.

### REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER

GENERAL. The reports of the several heads of De partments are usually of such length, and contain such a multiplicity of details, that very few, except the members of Congress to whom they are referred, take the trouble to look into them. Those sent in with the message at the present session are unusually interesting, and in clearness and strength of statement, and comprehensive exhibition of the condition of the public service, compare with the best that have preceded them.

The report of the Postmaster General which we have been led to examine with the more attention because we found it condensed within such limits as not to alarm our indolence, is to be commended for the fidelity with which every matter of importance con nected with the postal service is stated, its compact arrangement, and terseness of style
—characteristics indicating on the part of its author a thorough acquaintance with the affairs of the Department over which he presides, and the good taste and judgment ne essary to explain and discuss them in the most effective way.

Among the many interesting matters of the report we may call attention to the prole in the restoration of mail serin the lately insurgent States. Since the cessation of bostilities between the two sections there have, of course, been great embarrassments to the Department, arising from the disorganized condition of society, and the desorganized condition of society, and the desorganized condition of society. the derangement of all business relations throughout the South-the insufficiency of means among her citizens to perform contracts for carrying the mails over the many long routes requiring for proper service the outlay of a large amount of capital—the difficulty under existing laws, passed during the rebellion, of finding postmasters and con tractors who could comply with the test of loyalty required, and the ruinous state to which her railroad communications had been reduced. His predecessor had devoted earnest attention to this field of duty, and Mr. RAN-DALL has evidently allowed no time to be lost, nor spared any effort, in the work of restoring the Southern country to postal ication with the rest of the Union. When this shall be fully accomplished, much will have been done towards the perfect re-storation of harmony between the lately belligerent States.

That portion of the report relating to the foreign mail service is of special interest, showing, as it does, a rapidly increasing cor-respondence with the countries of the Old World, and of Europe in particular; and the recommendations for improvements in that branch of the service will not fail to meet with responsive legislation. To increase the facilities for postal intercommunication with the industrial classes of Europeans, and the men of enterprise and capital among them, many of whom are anxiously looking for wider and more inviting fields of labor, is in the present condition of our country an imperative duty not likely to be neglected by our Senators and Representatives

A liberal postal convention was concluded dom of Italy, soon to be carried into execu-

Notice having been given by the Britisl Government, dated July 26, ult., for the ter mination of the existing convention between the two countries on the 1st of January 1868, the report informs us that the basis for another has been agreed upon, with several ndvantages over the other; the first men tioned of which is the reduction of letter postage to one half of the present charge nd the second, the removal tions upon the exchange of printed matter

in the mails, at reduced postage charges. The vast importance of establishing speedily as possible regular mail communi-cations with China and Japan on the best possible footing is succinctly and forcibly set forth. The progress made towards the fulfilment of the contract made under the act of February 17, 1865, with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company of New York, is stated, and valuable information given as to the most advantageous mode of securing rapid and regular service by a steamship line. is well remarked that the money to be expended in aid of the commercial enterpris represented by the company above named, will come back from the China seas in goods and wares and merchandise to our own markets, or, in seeking European markets, in transportation paid across the continent."

Of the detailed statements of the report,

those concerning dead letters, the free livery system, (now in successful operation in forty-six of our principal cities,) and the postal money-order system, contain much nteresting information. Certain defects in the last mentioned are pointed out, and the proper remedies suggested.

er heads of Departments When all the oth me recommending more liberal compensa- ply deficiencies in the appropriations for the tion for their clerks and employees, those who know his genial nature would be sure to ex- ending June 30, 1867, and for other purpect the endorsement of Postmaster General | poses.

RANDALL, and accordingly it may be found in the conclusion of his report, very grace fully as well as carnestly given.

SANTA ANNA AND HIS RECENT MISSION TO THIS COUNTRY. For want of room we are obliged to omit the publication of an extended corresponence which goes to show the audaciousne

"Ex-President " and "Ex-General" Sax TA Anna's recent mission to this city, and the quiet diplomatic way which Secretar SEWARD has of disposing of an intruder.

This Government recognizes but one hea

of the Republic of Mexico, and JUARES that official—Santa Anna not.

### CLERKS SALARIES

Senator WILLIAMS, as will be seen elsewhere in the report of the Senate proceedings of yesterday, explained his motion about his roposition of Wednesday concerning clerks aries. The castigation which he gives to clerks who, in their anxiety about their pay forget the courtesies of life and abuse those who are disposed to help them, is just. We eccived a specimen letter yesterday.

### CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate, yesterday, confirmed a large number of naval promotions and several other important appointments.

Burning of the New Bowery Theatr Ma. WIARD attributes the fire in the New Bowery Theatre, New York, to the steam pipes which conveyed the steam from the camples, among which one is in the Cooper Union, where by removing some loose boards in the floor in the American Institute rooms, the wood in proximity to the steam pipes may be seen charred, although several hundred feet of pipe intervenes between theboiler and the place referred to. He drew the attention of Mr. Perza Coopea to this fact about a year ago.

It would be well for the authorities in New York to cause an examination of the boiler used for warming the theatre to be made We believe it was in a detached building with felting, and the felting or any wood near it or the pipe leading from it is charred, it will corroborate the theory stated as above.

It is well known to engineers that the felt-ing which covers the steam room of boilers quickly charred, while that in contact with the water space is seldom so, which indicates higher temperature than is possible in water from which low-pressure steam is generated

### Congressional Directory.

The Directory of the Second Session of the Thirty-ninth Congress, compiled by Bun. PERLEY POORE, Clerk of the Printing Records has been handed us. It is fuller and more complete than any similar issue previously put forth, and is embellished with a capital picture of the Capitol. It is copyrighted by and is highly creditable to Major Poons.

### Oratorio of the Messiah.

HANDEL'S grand Oratorio of the will be performed at Metzerott Hall Christmas night, on which occasion the Philha monic Society, under the direction of Dr. CAULFIELD, will be assisted by Mr. JOSEPH HERMANNS, the great basso, and other em

SPEAKER COLVAX leaves the city this morn

GEN. ROBERT B. MERCHELL GOVERNOR New Maxico; Ex-Gov. John Letcher, of Va.; Gen. T. W. Egan, of N. Y.; and Gen. James Craig, of ong the arrivals at the Metrop Hotel yesterday.

## The Coming Holidays—Congress Has Not Abolished the Holidays—Pretty Things

Abolished the Holidays - Fretty Things for the Holidays.
Congress deserves the sternal gratitude of the people of the "District" for allowing the usual observance of the holidays. In view of the fact that many of the "opposition," the unrepentent, unregenerate and in every way shaky people, who do not believe in the extremists who now control pub-lic affairs, might enjoy the holiday season after their old fashion, it was feared by some that Congress would abolish the holidays as one of the effectinstitutions that were recognized by the miserable fogies of the past. But out of the forbearance or forgetfulness of the progressives we are allowed one more holiday searon, and we shall enjoy it all the more under the possible belief that Santa Claus in 1867 will be held in quod by some investigating committee of the perpetual Congress upon charges of having given aid and comfort to the ene-

my\_of the party.

The coming holidays are to be allowed, and their The coming holidays are to be allowed, and their coming is forestandowed—no, forestightened—in our advertising columns. The commerce with Santa Claus increases in value year by year, and if our readers will take the trouble to examine the stocks of goods advertised in our columns, they will be impressed by the fact that Christmas and New Year's are growing brighter and richer in the shops every year. It will cost nothing to examine the splendid articles suitable for holiday gifts exposed foreals in the establishments which advertise in the REPURLICAS. In point of fact we have a distinct reveals from our advertisers that they will under the content of the proposite from our advertisers that they will under the content of the proposition of Parliament. romise from our advertisers that they will unfold he riches of their goods to all comers, whether hey shall finally make purchases or not. At Mankuvna's, No. 486 Seventh street, will

be found beautiful paintings and engravings, handmely framed, fit and appropriate for gifts during

he holidays.
At Ballantynn's book and stationery store, 498 Seventh street, we notice a complete stock of standard and juvenile books, writing-desks, gold

pens, etc.
At SHEPHERD's old headquarters, corner of Beventh and D streets, a rich variety of books and holiday presents are tempting the old and young to M. TAYLOR & Co., No. 42 Market Space, have

received a fine stock of Christmas goods.

E. WHEELEN & Son, 61 Louisiana avenue, have skates for ladies and gentlemen, and sleighs

the juveniles.

In addition to the above, a variety of nice goods are advertised in our columns, to which we have previously directed the attention of our readers.

Tue Financial Committee of the Senate will sit during the recess to prepare their report upon the tariff bill passed by the House last session, and the proposition for a tariff prepared by Mr. WELLS, the Commissioner of Revenue. The committee expect to have their reports ready for Congress on its reas sembling.

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION BILL.-We publish officially, on our fourth page to-day, an act making appropriations and service of the Government for the fiscal year

The National Republican. By the United States and European News Company

FROM EUROPE News by Cable and Steamer.

ANOTHER FRENCH RUMOR. THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE IN FRANCE SPAIN EFFECTS A LOAN GEN. SHERMAN RETURKS TO NEW ORLEANS HIS MISSION A FAILURE Minister Campbell in Mexico CANGERES COMMITTER AT NEW GRIEANS. DEATH OF A JOURNALIST. IMPORTANT INSURANCE CASES boiler to warm the building being overheated by superheated steam, and cites a number of FENIAN TRIALS IN CANADA. DISASTROUS PIRE IN NEW YORK Interesting Southern News THE MARKETS

> Yesterday's News by Cable. Pants, Dec. 20, 1 o'clock, p. m.—It is re-ported in various circles in this city that the Emperor has received from Maximilian the abdication of the throne of Mexico.

The Moniteur thinks the relations between which was not burned, and if it is covered the Government of King Victor Emanuel and His Holiness the Pope will be settled on a sound and most firm footing.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20 .- Advices have been received here that the United States gunboat Miantonomah was at Gibraltar on the 14th. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20-Noon.-The cotton market opened steady, with an estimated day's sale of 13,000 bales. Middling uplands are quoted at last night's closing price, 145-8

LONDON, Dec. 20-Noon.-The opening price of consols, 89 1-2 for money. American securities—Five-twenties, 71 1-2; Eric railroad, 49; Illinois Central, 78 1-2. Frankroat, Dec. 20—1 р. m.—U. S. 5-20

ANTWERP, Dec. 20-1 p. m .- Petroleum lling at 53 francs.

LONDON, Dec. 20—1 p. m.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England has been reduced to 3 1-2 per cent. LATER.

Paris, Dec. 20.—The French Budget hows a definite balance in estimated receipts over expenditures for the incoming financial year. No new taxes are to be levied on account of the army scheme, which has just been promulgated, and which the Budget be a fresh guarantee for the peac of Europe.

President Johnson's message is publishe in full in the Paris journals, and has had s much better effect in all circles than was anticipated after the reception of the meagre telegraphic summary, which failed to do it

MADRID, Dec. 20.—The Government of Spain has negotiated with M. Foulde, the French Minister of Finance, for a loan of 0,000 francs from the French Government.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The money market is nchanged. The official closing price of consols was 89 1-2 for money. The current prices at the close of business to-day are: U. S. five-twenties, 71 1-2; Erie, 48 3-4; Illinois Central, 78 3-4.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20.—The market gene ally closed steady. Breadstuffs, petroleum, and provisions are without change to note. Sales of cotton were 13,000 bales on the pasis of 14 5-8d, for Middling Uplands.

Advices by the Java state that the Lor Advices by the Java state that the London Post urges inquiry into the loyalty of Irishmen in the large towns of England.

Slight symptoms of alarm are felt in Liverpool, where large numbers of Irish were out of employment. Armed guards were placed on all depots of arms there. The police were heaxed in their effort to find standard in Liverpool.

ities are over \$100,000. Assets largely in excess.

At a great reform meeting in London on the 4th, John Bright made a bold speech to the effect that Parliament still resisted reform, and for aught he knew might continue to resist when they meet in February, until the discontent shall become universal, and that which is now only a great exhibition of opinion may become necessarily and inevitably a great and menacing exhibition of force. Mr. Bright was warm in praise of the Queen, who he said was not wanting in great and generous sympathy for the people.

The English journals continue to take exception to the illegality of the arrest and extradition in Canada of Lamirande, the French defaulter.

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The Bank of France had gained 14,000,000 francs cash in the week. The Bank of England had increased its bullion £61,000.

In the Liverpool market lard had declined la2s., with sales at 49s. for American. Cheese laze, with saies at 498 for American. Uneese lively and active at 1a2s. higher. Sugar 3a6d. higher. Rice firm. Coffee inactive. Rosin steady; American common 10s. Spirits of turpentine dull at 38s. for American. Linseed dull and 6d. lower.

## From Richmond.

RICHNOND, Dec. 20.—The Senate passed the House bill to pay the claims of Baring Brothers & Co., of London, against the Com-monwealth. Both Houses adjourned until

the 3d of January.

The dwellings of Wm. Liggon and Wm. McMinn, on Church Hill, were partially destroyed by fire this afternoon.

Request of "Ex-Lt." Gov. Wells. New ORLEARS, Dec. 20.—Gov. Wells has issued a request to the clerks of the criminal courts in this State to furnish him with a list of criminal indictments in the dockets from November, 1860, to November, 1866.

tual Life Insurance Company of New York, defendants.

Snowden, then a resident of this city, on the 11th of January, 1886, obtained a policy in the company for five thousand dollars. The pensions were paid annually to the agent here until Snowden, in 1861, went South and entered the rebel service. He was at one time an officer on the staff of Major General Polk, and was engaged in several battles. He died on the 9th of January, 1864, at Montgomery, Alabams, of disease contracted while in the army.

The plaintiffs claimed that the company were responsible, as the amount of the premium was paid each year, and that the last payment was made to the agents of the plaintiff in Richmond on the 11th of January, 1864, ten days after the death of Showden, which fact, however, was not known at the time.

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The defendant resisted the payment of the amount called for by the policy, on the ground that the insured violated the terms of the policy by going south of the lines prescribed by it, as also by entering into the military service, contrary to the express provisions thereof. At the bottom of each policy is a notice as simulation that the accurais a notice or stipulation that the agent are not authorised to after the contract en-tered into, or in any manner change the provisions contained therein. Hence it was urged that the act of the agent in receiving the premiums after it was known that the in-sured had entered the military service did not bind the company. On the opening of the case on Monday the counsel of the de-fendant stated that they were prepared to pay back to the party entitled to receive them all premiums received since 1861, with interest thereon, as also the costs already ac-cruing in the case.

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The plaintiffs declined to receive the The plaintiffs declined to receive the amount, claiming that they are entitled to the whole amount of the policy. To-day the jury found a verdict in favor of the company and against Snowden's heirs, but the president of the company, Mr. Winston, before leaving the court-room, with great liberality gave them a check for \$4,000 and paid all the costs of the case. He said the amount involved was of no importance, but the company desired to have the privileged settle by the courts.

courts. SWERTSEURO, Dec. 20.—Court met at 9.30 a. m. Peter at ea was sworn. He narrated the conversation he had with soveral parties of Fenians who came to his house, near Pigeon Hill. They told him they were going to fight the British Government—whip the Red Coats, take Fortress Quebec, string up a renegade Irishman named McGee, and establish in Canada a Republican Government Thomas R. Roberts, of the Advocate. establish in Canada a Republican Government. Thomas R. Roberts, of the Advocate, narrated similar conversations which be had with the Fenians at Pigeon Hill. Alpheus Stephenson gave evidence concerning the plundering of a large number of houses at Pigeon Hill by the Fenians. In a cross-examination by Mr. Devlin, he stated that he saw the prisoner Madden there on Friday, the 8th. He also saw Rogers, who was a prisoner, but who had been discharged. He saw Rogers taking a horse which belonged to one of the residents and ride away with it. Before going he took a work-basket off of a table at the house where he had been staying. He carried it away with him.

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Swextsuero, Dec. 20.—Humphrey Cholebourne produced a medal taken from the prisoner Terrence McDonald. On one side were the words "Irish Republic," and a ship in the centre, and on the other, "Ireland and America," with a device of clasped hands, and the date of 1866, with the shamrock and white the stay of t and the date of 1866, with the shamrock and sunburst. Anthony Jewell, constable, gave his evidence, testifying to the arrest of the prisoner Madden on the afternoon of Satur-day, the 9th of, June. He went in company with Asa Reckert and Levi Traver to the Recles House, late the Fenian headquarters, where they found the prisoner and a number of other armed Fenians. The witness had a

where they found the prisoner and a number of other armed Fenians. The witness had a revolver. One of the Fenians brought his carbine to a present, and both fired at the same time. He next saw Madden with his carbine at a present. Madden was armed with a carbine and a sabre. Mr. Devlin objected to this evidence, and said he should object to all evidence that might be given of the alleged complicity with the Fenians on the part of the prisoner.

The objection was overruled, and Jewell continued. He could not say whether Madden fired. Witness fired at Madden, wounding him in the side. He then started to run for the woods, and witness shot him again, somewhere in the back between the shoulders. At the fourth shot missed fire, and witness fell and dislocated his knee. He gave his revolver to Rekert, who brought Madden back. They got him into a wagon and brought him to Pigeon Hill. As they drove off, some of the Fenians fired on them. Asa Reckert gave evidence of the capture of Madden. He ordered him to throw down his arms. Madden, holding up his hands, said he was shot and asked them to be good to him. Jas. Magroves said that on the 9th of June he was at the Reche House, and saw several Fenians there—one marching up and down as a sentry, who halted him. The prisoner was seated on a log, and complained that the officers had descreted them. The prisoner was seated to the 7 Ireland the file of the reliand that the officers had descreted them. The prisoner pulled up the hammer of his carbine and said: "Bo you see that? Ireland that the officers had deserted them. The prisoner pulled up the hammer of his carbine and said: "Do you see that? Ireland never will be free as long as that goes back." Another squad of four or five man came up, and he told them to leave, because a party of soldiers were coming. One of the Fenians said, referring to the prisoner: "This is my captain; I will mind him." The prisoner did not reply.

Levi Trevers gave evidence corroborating Reckert and Jewell's as to the capture of the prisoner. George Tilbury, a trooper in the Royal Guards, testified that as he rode to toward the Reche House, on the 9th of June, he met Jewell returning with the prisoner Madden.

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O'Halloran and Devlin addressed the jury in
eloquent terms in behalf of the prisoners.
Mr. Delvin closed at aix o'clock.
The Judge said it was evident that the jury

would have to be sent up for another night, and therefore he adjourned the court until to-morrow at 9.30 a. m.

## South Carolina Rejects the Amend-

CHARLESTON, Dec. 20.—Cotton very active; advanced 1-2 to 1c. Sales of 500 Middling Uplands at 33a34.

Arrived-Schooner Pattiway, from Phila-Africa—Scaooner Fattway, from Fatta-delphia; schooner Julia Baker, from New York; steamer Whirlwind, from Philadelphia. The constitutional amendment was rejected yesterday by the South Carolina House of Representatives by 95 to 1.

## The New York Fires.

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New York, Dec. 20.—The Metropolitan fire department have decided to continue for six months the reward of \$1,000 heretofore offered for the detection and conviction of every incendiary. In the matter of the Thirty-first street fire, the coroner's jury rendered a verdict that the fire was an incendiary act at the hands of George Sheehan, and that John Kane was an accessory. These men are in limbo, awaiting the action of the District Attorney.

BAILTIMORE, Dec. 20—A and wherein was presented the question who have the assignment of the rebellion had as life in ared, and who entered into the rebel service, could recover the amount of his policy, was determined in the Supreme Court of this city to day.

The parties to this suit are Alexander Penn and Richard H. Mitchell, sasignees of Richard N. Snowden, plaintiff, and the Muual Life Insurance Company of New York, defendants.

Snowden, then a resident of this city, on the 11th of January, 1856, obtained a policy on the floor, with just strength enough left. room, found the wife dead and Jehle lying on the floor, with just strength enough left to point to a cradle, where a child four week old was lying apparently lifeless; the blank ets over its face had, however, saved it. Jos eph Bertle jumped from the fourth story escaping with slight bruises. Several other attempted it, but were dashed to pieces or the rocks beneath. Nife negroes were burned to death in the building.

Heavy Pire in New York Meavy Pire in New York.

New Yonz, Dec. 20.—At about 4 o'clock this morning a destructive fire occurred in the five-story marble building, No. 338 Broadway. The fire broke out on the third floor, occupied by H. Kothstein, dealer in hats and caps. The three upper floors were destroyed and the lower floors were hedly damaged by water. Measrs. Hampbill, Hamlin & Oc., dealers in carpets, eccupied the first floor. Their loss was \$15,000, on which there was \$25,000 insurance, as follows: Arctic, \$10,000; Home, \$5,000. Messrs. Louis \$6,000, and Hoffman, \$5,000. Messrs. Louis Schrele & Oc., importers of woven corriets, occupied the second and fifth stories. Their loss is estimated at \$125,000, on which there is an insurance of \$120,000. The loss of Mr. in loss is estimated at \$120,000, on which there is an insurance of \$120,000. The loss of Mr. as Rothstein, who occupied the third floor, is estimated at \$40,000—insured for \$20,000. Morris Jocobsin, dealer in cloaks, occupied in the fourth floor. His loss is estimated at of \$20,000. The building, which was owned by F. W. Sparry, was damaged about \$20,000.

From Canada. Quanto, Dec. 20.—A parish church at St gatha, with sacristy, was totally destroyed

A man named Patrick Hart fell in trance and was supposed to be dead. Pre-parations were made for the funeral, but he recovered consciousness in time to prevent

that ceremony.

The Chronicle, commenting on the project of the line of steamers from Lake Ontario to the gulf points, says the lake boats are not adapted to the gulf and ocean navi-gation, and predicts that it will be a failure if established. The thermometer is at zero, and the wind

The thermometer is at zero, and the wind Northwest. Weather fine.

MONTABLA, Dec. 20.—The value of tolls on the St. Lawrence canal for 1866 is \$67,301, against \$62,224 for 1865.

The expenditures for military purposes for Canada-since June 1, 1866, were \$2,000,000.

From North Carolina.

RALMGH, N. C., Dec. 20.—Resolutions have been introduced in the Legislature looking to the providing for the payment of the interest on the State debt, or funding the interest at

on the State debt, or funding the interest at an early day.

Bills have been passed in favor of the extension of the North Carolina and Western railroad to the Tennessee line; also in favor of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford railroad; also for the extension of the Fayette Coalfield railroad. None of these bills increase the obligations of the State, but will make the State debt more secure, and provide for absorbing \$2,000,000 of the debt outstanding.

The dispatch last night in relation to the result of Gov. Worth's interview with the President and his decision gave great satisfaction.

T. J. Judkins, a member of the House from Warrenton, died here to-day.

Insurance Company Suits.

PRILABELPHIA, Dec. 20.—There is a sult on trial in the Supreme Court here of Merrick & Co. vs. The Germania, Hanover, Fulton and Lorrillard insurance companies of New York. The action is to recover upon policies of insurance on the Southwark foundry. The plaintiffs claim that their loss was \$51,801, which included the machinery of the Chattanooga and several other vessels that \$51,801, which included the machinery of the Chattanooga and several other vessels that they were building, and which loss was proportioned among all the companies. Defendants claim that their policies did not cover the machinery of these vessels, and that its value should be deducted from the full amount, and that they should be charged with their respective proportions of the loss on the balance. Defendants have already paid \$3,029 each on the policies, which they say covered the policies. Plaintiffs claim a balance of \$1,117.39 from each company.

## From New York.

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New York, Dec. 20.—Judge McCunn has decided that a person who loses money by gambling is not entitled to recover by law.

Investigations by the Congressional committee show that but a small proportion of the revenue due to the Government has been assessed on distilleries. The committee will probably report in favor of securing a full record of all raw material purchased for the manufacture of whisky.

An Absconding Jeweller.

Bosron, Dec. 20.—It transpired this forenoon that Edwin Smith, a jeweller and
watch maker at No. 55 Tremont street, absconded yesterday, taking with him property
to the amount of several thousand dollars,
including many watches left for repairs.
Judge Bacon, of the municipal court, F. H.
Underwood, clerk of the superior court, and
members of the bar, suffered in this way,
Judge Bacon received the first intimation of
his loss when some parties applied for a warrant against Smith.

## Dr. Watson's Case.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 20.—The military commission met again this morning. Dr. Watson, counsel, stated that the defense was not ready for trial. The commission has ad-journed until Saturday. An application has been made to one of the associate judges of the United States Supreme Court for a writ of habeas corpus.

Christmas Dinner for the Fenian Prisoners. Prisoners.

Pull.adm.pula, Dec. 20.—President Roberts, of the Fenian Brotherhood, has issued a card to the Fenians of America, asking for a Christians dinner for the Fenian prisoners

## From Dublin.

in Canada.

Halifax, Dec. 20.—Advices per the Java state that Stephen J. Meary, the Fenian Sen-ator, has been committed for trial at Dublin. The Dublin Orangemen have called upon the main body of the Orangemen to support

## Brig Ashore.

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Brig Jabilee, from St. John, N. F., for Boston, came ashore one mile north of the light house last night, and is high up on the beach.

Chicago Merchants Feasted. Tomosro, Dec. 20.—A grand banquet wa-given by the city, last evening, to the Chicag-and other visiting western merchants. The Mayor presided.

ARRIVAL OF GEN. SHEEMAN AT

Minister Campbell and where He was TREESBAPRIC TO THE REPUBLICAN BY THE U. S. AND B. HEWS ASSOCIATION,);

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—Licut. Gen. Sher an arrived here this evening from Brown

ville, his mission having proven a failure, cause of the refusal of the Imperial suthorities to grant him a pass across the es to reach Chihushus. He left Minister Campbell at Brownsville, who would proceed mediately to Justes's headquarters.

he Advance Guard of the New Or leans Investigating Committee. Eliot and Shellabarger Advance Upon Mayor Hourse and Call for the Police.

New ORLEANS, Dec. 26.—Messers. Ellot and Shellaburger arrived here this evening, with their secretary, Mr. Eaton. They have ad-dressed a letter to Mayor Monroe requiring him to furnish them a list of the police on duty at the time of the riot.

Death of a Journalist.

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[Spacial Dispatch to the Republican.]

Bosrow, Dec. 20.—Mr. Frederick W. Marsh, a practical printer, formerly one of he proprietors of the Boston Daily Bes, and more recently one of the commissioners of the banks of this State, died here to-day rom the rupture of a blood vessel.

[Mr. Mazen was a gentleman of fine attainments, was an active politician of the Weaster Whig school, was a highly re-spected citizen of Boston from his early manhood, a scholar, a genial companio a gentleman. He leaves neither wife ildren.—Ko. Ranus.]

MOBILE. Dec. 20.—Cotton.—Sales to-day 2,500 bales. Middling 32. Market steady. New ORIZANS, Dec. 20.—Cotton steady; sales, 4,500 bales; low middling, 31a32d.; middling, 31a32d.; middling, 31a32d.; middling, 31s; receipts, 416 bales; exports, 3,550 bales. Sugar.—Fair, 9 1-8. Molames, firm demand; prime to choice, 62a70. Flour.—Superfine, 811.50; extra, 811.75a15. Com. lower, 81a1.05. Hay dull at \$26a27. Pork, \$23a23.50. Bacon, retail business—Shoulders, 12 1-2; sides, 12 3-4a16. Lard dull at 12 1-2a13 1-4. Whisky, \$2.50. Tobacco—Medium leaf, 7a10; fair, 10a12. Gold, 135; bank sterling, 147; New York exchange, 1-2 discount.

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AUGUSTA, Dec. 20.—Cotton, good feeling.
Money scarce. Moderate sales at 32 1-2 to
33—strict middling.
SAVANNAH, Dec. 20.—Cotton dull; holders
firm. Sales of the week, 135 bales. Receipts, 9,419; exports, 6,168. Stock, 2,194.
Bacon firm. Hay stiff. Grain and provisions steady.
Arrived—Steamer Fountain, from New
York; ship Fannie Forsythe, from Boston.

Movement on Washington from

Arkmanes.

ment as to the political situation of the country, and to report on the reassembling of the legislature, on the 10th of January. The stern-wheel steamer Memphis, hence for Little Rock, struck a snag in the Arkansas river on Monday night, which sunk her. The cargo, valued at \$20,000, was a total loss. Insured for \$4,000. This is the second time this season she has been sunk.

Municipal Election. WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 20.—At the mu-nicipal election to-day John Dawson was elected Mayor by 95 majority, and S. D. Wallace, Ell Murray, A. Adrion, and W. S. Anderson, aldermen.

In one of the great clubs in Paris there has been a desperate gambling-bout, which lasted twelve hours on each of three successive days. The tweire hours on each of three successive days. The players were a young Russian and a Rurhish grand seigneur, both very rich. The first night cost the Russian 150,000 france; the following day he regained 20,000 france; the night following he again lost these 20,000 france; and 250,000 more. Russia then gave in, and withdrew from the combet, with a net loss of 400,000 france.

For a sew morning paper in New York says one wall posted, an enormous capital would be necessary. Haif a million would not be a dollar too much. The *Tribuse* started on one hundred dollars borrowed money. The *Trises* absorbed on hundred thousand dollars before it yielded a divihundred thousand contars before it years a curr-dend. But those were days of small things com-pared to the present. The cost of every branch has increased prodigiously, and branches of ex-penditure now exist which a few years ago were

record of all raw material purchased for the manufacture of whisky.

George M. Hyatt has been arrested for forging the signature of A. T. Butler & Co., and committed for trial.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to-day the proposed memorial to Congress for the abolition of the cotton tax was indefinitely postponed.

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Tun committee appointed at the last ser-sion of the How York Senate have resolved to favor the railet of Breadway by the building of an under-ground railross under Bloadway. Tun First National Bank in New Orleans

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Washington for Charleston to-day to investigate the subject.

The Chicago papers report Mollie Trussell, the marderess, as weeping perfecely in court, and being dressed expulsitely in blank. She sighed frequently and looked like mything but a courtean.

Our of the most important revolution which our literature is slimity undergoing, is the gradual approximation of the newspaper to the book, and the substitution of the former for the

ACCORDING to the report of the Ohio State Auditor, the value of taxable property in that State is \$1,106,206,000. The amount of taxes as-seed in the State last year was over \$20,000,000, and for the present year \$16,000,000.

Thus teamers. Regulator, Lady Lang, and Starlight, recently of Boston, have all been sold to the South American Navigation and Marine Rallway Company of New York, on private terms. They are to be fitted at Providence, R. I., and will proceed thence to Montevideo. They will run to the Parana river.

By the Atlantic cable it is announced that in Imperial Commission, with the Imperor Alex-inder, of Russia, at its head, has been organised at Bt. Petersburg, to carry into effect "the Government plans of reform in Poland." We understo a separate antionality from Bassian Folund, and even the name of that unfortunate country is to become a thing of the past. Warsow is hereafter to be "Warsow in Bassia," and not "Warsow in

SPECIAL NOTICES. Ar A special meeting of the Corperate National Soldiers' and Seliers' Organ Her

converse as the institution, operators from a sacretic Capitol Hill, on SATURDAY, the 23d in 11 a. m., for the purpose of considering the paramadments to the charter, and to adopt mea have all the funds belonging to the Association, ing moneye and bonds now in private hands, over to the treasurer.

A full attendance is desired.

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MRS. J. C. CARLISLS. AD Spiritualism.—Ers. F. O. Myner, one of the most highly gifted "Inspirational Speakers" on the Spiritual restrain, will locare in Union League Hall on FRIDAT NVERIMO, Dec. 21, commencing at 71% o'clock. Clergymen an others who may be skeptled as are lavited to be present and subject this ledy's giften to the most rigid tests. Admission, 16 cents. det0-257

AP Gence Church Patr, (Christs New Year,) for the benefit of Grass Chur (Rev. Alfred Holmsed, rector,) Island Hall Virginia avenue and flight street, will open 20. Tableaux and other entertalaments. So

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